Not that anyone asked, but I still have strong opinions about cars.

This morning, I saw on the news that there was a traffic pileup of about 90 miles (? I think it was) along a snow covered highway in Virginia. People were abandoning their vehicles, others were left dealing with gas running low/out, cars stalling out, what to do with pets *etc*.

When I see or hear about these types of things, or even just hearing about one car wreck, I am against driving as we know it, all that much more.

Let me say, I am not into politics, not into socialism, globalism, communism, or any other "ism".

My reasons are pure and simple - driving cars, and all that entails, as we know it today, is dangerous, expensive, timeconsuming. And quite stressful for some.

I'm not even into climate issues, (from a political view, that is. I know that we are in the end times, and what some refer to as "climate change" is simply what the Bible warned us of in the Book of Revelation - repackaged, to fit another agenda.)

That being said, it doesn't take a rocket scientist to see the damage that vehicles, as we know them, are taking a huge toll on our precious, God-given environment. And our lungs.

And what of the destructive effects caused by the continuious quest for oil and gas? What are we even doing to the ground, and the soil beneath, that's been given to us to walk on?

What are we doing to the rock layers beneath that, which our Creator has laid firmly in place for us? Why are we relentlessly shaking it up, breaking it up, drilling away at it?

Our greed will cause the earth itself to turn against us.

Our foundations have already crumbled and been destroyed, in more ways than one.

What are the alternatives for modern day transportation? Don't ask me, I have no clue.

Except, I get excited at the prospect of more light-rails, improved public transportation, environment-conscious subways, and the like. And I'm not even a green treehugger.

I'm a Christian with common sense.

Do I ride in cars? Yes, when necessary. Will I ever take on the burden of owning one again? No.

Do I need to own a car, so I can get out, and do things? No. At what cost? My life? If someone makes a mistake, and slams i to me? Or, if I should make a mistake, and crash into someone else?

Don't even get me started on the cost of gas, insurance, inspections, etc *etc.*

It's like one big prison, but we are so accustomed to it, it's hard to see it as anything but normal.

We are groomed from a young age to look forward to driving, and owning a nice car. Look at the commercials for "luxury cars", showing very sleek humans, usually in dark sunglasses, behind the wheel of an expensive car. Do we really fall for it, in this day and age? Are we still falling for the carrot-on-a-stick, dangled in front of us, of luxury ANYTHING? Not only cars, but homes, clothing, jewelry, traveling for pleasure, yachts, etc *etc*.

Give me poverty instead, any day. I know what God has stored up on the other side of this earthly life, for those who choose Him.

Again, the light rails being talked about, that will run through cities, connecting people and places much better. Where do I sign up? Can I purchase a travel pass for say, the year 2050?

Ok so maybe I'll be long gone by then. But I can still dream.

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